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Hongkong, February 13, 1901.

### NOTICE.

WE have This Day authorized Mr. WILHELM NAGEL to SIGN our Power of attorney.

LEOPOLD SPATZ & CO.

Hongkong, June 17, 1901.

### NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. FREDERICK EDWARD RICHARDS in our Firm at this Port, Colombo, and London CEASED by mutual consent on the 5th Inst.

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Glenlivet	7.00
Highland Nectar	6.00
The Distillers	16.00
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## General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Hay in Bales,  
&c., at Lai Chi Kok.THURSDAY, JUNE 20.—  
Goods per Shanghai not cleared at 4  
p.m. subject to rent.Goods per Kunning undelivered after  
noon this date subject to rent.SATURDAY, JUNE 22.—  
Goods per Wairung undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.Goods per India not cleared after this  
date subject to rent.SUNDAY, JUNE 23.—  
Goods per Maria Valeria undelivered  
after this date, subject to rent.MONDAY, JUNE 24.—  
Goods per Salsas unclaimed before  
Noon, subject to rent.TUESDAY, JUNE 25.—  
Goods per Sado Maru not cleared after  
this date subject to rent.

## Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s  
Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, June 18, 1901.

BAROMETER—9 A.M. ....	29.71
Do. 1 P.M. ....	29.69
Do. 4 P.M. ....	29.64
TERMOMETER—9 A.M. ....	84
Do. 1 P.M. ....	84
Do. 4 P.M. ....	84
(Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 81	81
Do. Do. 1 P.M. 81	81
Do. Do. 4 P.M. 81	81
Do. Maximum ...	81
Do. Minimum overnight	83



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BIRTH.  
On the 12th June, at Peking, the wife of H. GESSBURGER, of a Son.

## DIED.

On Sunday, the 16th June, at 2.30 a.m., APOLINA WILHELMINE, the dearly beloved Wife of Edward Herbst, deeply regretted by her sorrowful Husband, Children and Parents.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.20 p.m.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1901.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

## P. and O. Dividend.

The P. and O. Co. have announced a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the preferred stock, and an interim dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum on the deferred stock of the company for the half-year ended March 31.

## Cheap Gas.

A Company is being promoted in England to supply gas at 2d. per 1000 feet. The gas, it may be explained, is only for heating purposes and for driving machinery, not for illuminating, so it would be unfair to compare the proposed charge with the 8d per 1000 feet rate in Hongkong.

## Open-Air Concert at Peak.

We are asked to state that in the event of its being wet or misty, the open-air concert fixed for to-morrow night at Mount Austin will be postponed, and notice of the date will be published. The band of the Royal Welch Fusiliers will play several selections of classical and popular music, glee will be sung by members of the band, and an Indian club display will be given by a gymnastic team from the battalion.

## The International Yacht Race.

In connection with the victory of *Shearwater I.* over *Shamrock II.* in the trial races, it is pointed out that the Dredge of Gift of the Americas Cup says:—"No vessel which has been defeated in a match for this Cup can again be selected by any Club as a representative until after a contest for it by some other vessel has intervened, or until after two years from the time of such defeat."

## Naval Appointments.

The following appointments were made last month at the Admiralty:—Commander R. G. Gregory, to the *Eclipse*; Midshipmen—M. K. Horton and M. C. Brotherton, to the *Eclipse*, undated; R. Bacchus and J. L. Clark, to the *Eclipse*; Paymaster G. L. Clark, to the *Eclipse*; Assistant Paymaster, B. W. Cock, to the *Eclipse*; Carpenter, H. F. Kinshott to the *Eclipse*, all to date May 30.

## Awards for Gallantry.

The Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty have awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal to the following Petty Officers and men of the Royal Navy, in connection with the recent operations in China:—W. J. Christmas, Petty Officer, Second Class; H. Swannell, Leading Signalman; W. Parsons, Able Seaman; P. Golden, Able Seaman; E. Whibley, Ordinary Seaman, and T. Gardner, Sick Berth Steward.

## The River at Tientsin.

A correspondent writes from Tientsin to the *N.-C. Daily News*.—The River Scheme has received the formal approval of the Ministers in Peking. The next practical step will be the constituting of the Conservancy, for such in fact will the new body be. Financially the scheme is but a development of the old one; the funds will be obtained by a minute charge on the cargo of the Port. They will meet the annual charges of a loan and also provide a sinking fund. The continuance of the policy will be secured by the terms of the settlement between the Powers and the Chinese Government.

## Visitors to Peking.

The Tientsin correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News* wrote on the 17th May:—Mr Alexander Michie has been in Tientsin, and has had a hearty welcome from a large circle of old friends. The distinguished biographer has now gone up on a visit to Sir Ernest Satow and Sir Robert Hart. The Colonial Secretary and Mrs Stewart Lockhart from Hongkong have also spent a few days in Tientsin, en route to see the shows of the Capital. This is Mr Lockhart's first visit to the far North of China. The Chinese Tariff Question.

At the meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce Committee on the 11th inst., the Secretary (Mr R. C. Wilcox) read a letter received, on 6th June, from the London Chamber of Commerce, dated 3rd May, acknowledging receipt of the Chamber's telegram of that date, on the proposal to double the Chinese Tariff without previous being made for the reduction of taxation and other mercantile grievances, and forwarding copy of covering letter to the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to whom it was promptly transmitted. Much satisfaction was felt at the promptitude shown by the Secretary of the London Chamber in the matter. The Chairman (Sir T. Jackson) said there was nothing further to say on the question just now. The Foreign Ministers had, he heard, decided to make the 5 per cent. tariff effective, and the Chinese Government had undertaken to pay an indemnity of Tls. 450,000,000. The details of the security were now being discussed.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon, U.S.S. Buntington, Burnside, Simonian, Union, Iris, June, Hailan, Zaire.

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## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the shipping of midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

**Section.**  
 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.  
 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour's Office.  
 4. From Harbour Master's to the Market.  
 5. From the Market to Pedder's Wharf.  
 6. From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

**Section.**  
 7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.  
 8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.  
 9. From Kellet's Island to North Point.  
 10. Kowloon Wharves.  
 11. Janina's Wharf.

Vessel's Name	Agency	Captain	Flag and Reg.	Tons net.	Date of Arrival	Consignee or Agents	Destination	Remarks
<b>Steamers.</b>								
Alcimed	6 c	Palford	British str.	4275	June 16	Butterfield & Swire		
Amara Maru	3 c	Akutsu	Japan. str.	962	June 16	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha		
Babesberg	0 c	Beeckmann	Ger. str.	1320	June 14	Butterfield & Swire		
Babylon King	0 c	Chairs	British str.	1452	June 13	Bradley & Co.		
Baltimore	3 c	Krohn	British str.	1452	June 14	Bradley & Co.		
Barnside	1 c	Lafflin	Amer. str.	1400	April 10	U. S. Q. M. D.		
Chinkiang	4 c	Payne	British str.	1193	June 18	Butterfield & Swire		
Choyang	4 c	Barker	British str.	2364	June 17	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Dowshing	4 c	Coll	British str.	2116	June 16	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Duke of Fife	4 c	Cox	British str.	1240	June 17	J. A. T. & Co., Limited		
Edua Nossat	3 c	Bruhn	Ger. str.	1002	June 16	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Elsa	3 c	Schawandt	Ger. str.	1430	June 14	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Empress of India	6 c	Marshall	British str.	1162	June 14	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Fausang	5 c	Mitchell	British str.	1651	June 14	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Glaucus	5 c	H. Thompson	British str.	892	June 16	R. Mart		
Hongkong	3 c	Panner	British str.	1152	June 16	Butterfield & Swire		
Hunan	3 c	Frazier	British str.	1162	June 16	Butterfield & Swire		
Indavelli	4 c	Manby	British str.	1750	May 29	U. S. Government		
Kastung	4 c	Sander	British str.	1154	June 16	Butterfield & Swire		
Kumsang	8 c	Buller	British str.	1078	June 17	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Kyoto Maru	3 c	Sakurai	Japan. str.	1633	June 12	Order		
Kyoto	3 c	Fuchi	Ger. str.	1020	June 16	Butterfield & Swire		
Lycosun	3 c	Lehmann	Ger. str.	1238	June 16	Siemens & Co.		
Maria Valerie	3 c	Krobs	Ger. str.	4691	May 28	Melechers & Co.		
Munchen	3 c	Fulysen	British str.	1002	June 16	Butterfield & Swire		
Kanchang	3 c	Schell	British str.	2084	June 12	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.		
Oak Branch	3 c	Pukham	British str.	1961	June 17	Bradley & Co.		
Obi	3 c	Lewis	British str.	1235	June 16	Bradley & Co.		
Pakehan	3 c	Ohno	Japan. str.	2071	June 16	Yusen Kaisha		
Riojan Maru	3 c	Nasbet	British str.	1274	June 16	Arakawa, Karberg & Co.		
Sabine Rickmers	3 c	W. Thompson	Japan. str.	3858	June 16	Nippon Yusen Kaisha		
Sado Maru	1 c	Brandstetter	Dutch str.	1818	April 18	McLchers & Co.		
Sundakan	3 c	Reuter	Ger. str.	802	June 16	Butterfield & Swire		
Sinongau	3 c	Reuter	Ger. str.	1165	June 19	China		
Taita	3 c	Bradley	British str.	1544	June 16	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Taisang	3 c	Baker	British str.	977	June 16	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Taksung	4 c	Nelson	British str.	1459	June 15	Butterfield & Swire		
Taiyuan	4 c	Dell	New. str.	701	June 10	A. R. Mart		
Trayn	7 c	Kigami	Japan. str.	1240	June 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Tsingtao Manu	3 c	Laver	British str.	1109	June 16	Butterfield & Swire		
Whampung	3 c	Schuder	Ger. str.	2346	June 16	Hamburg-Amerika Linie		
Sailing Vessels.						Shanghai & Kobe	June 18.	
Coleste Burrill	3 c	Trofry	British str.	1764	May 29	Order		
Hillwood	3 c	Knight	Amer. bgo.	1054	June 14	Order		
Marchal de Villars	3 c	Raiwall	French str.	1714	May 29	30 East Asiatic Trading Co.		
Sax Witch	2 c	Howes	Amer. str.	1172	May 29	21 Master		
Sussex	2 c	Guthrie	Brit. bgo.	1212	May 29	Gilmour & Co.		

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### TYPHOID FEVER IN THE COLONY.

This year there has been a large number of typhoid fever cases in the Colony, and some have ended fatally. Taken in conjunction with the plague, the increasing number of typhoid fever cases in recent years suggest something radically wrong in the drainage of the Colony. The following editorial remarks in *The Standard* (although they are against the typhoid germ in sewage idea) will be read with interest by those who study the insanitary condition of this Colony:

Some new observations on one of the most interesting problems connected with the prevalence of zymotic diseases—namely, the natural history of the micro-organisms in the ground, will be found in the Medical Supplement, just issued, to the Annual Report of the Local Government Board. Certain forms of disease are said to be endemic in particular countries and localities—by which is meant that they are never wholly absent. Typhoid fever, for instance, is endemic in most quarters of the globe, but much more so in some places than in others. Diphtheria, again, is always more or less prevalent in all Western countries. Plague is believed to have several endemic centres, and cholera is never absent from some parts of India. Possibly all infectious diseases are endemic somewhere. From these natural bases, so to speak, they are liable to spread from time to time and develop into epidemic proportions. It is obviously important to know what are the conditions which favour the persistence of a disease in this locality, and its absence from that. The problem may be studied in two ways: on a large scale by observing the geographical distribution and the general conditions accompanying prevalence; or on a microscopical scale by investigating the relations between the specific micro-organisms their environment, in which the soil appears to be an important element. In the latter field the Research Department of the Local Government Board has already done good work by Dr. Sidney Martin and Dr. Harrison in the present Report. The micro-organism selected for investigation is the too familiar typhoid bacillus. It is almost ubiquitous, but it haunts certain spots with remarkable persistence. An instance is the town of Chichester, where it recurs year after year in particular areas, which do not appear to differ as regards their general sanitary conditions from other areas that are not so affected. It has been previously shown that the typhoid bacillus will grow readily in some kinds of soil when they have been sterilised, or freed from the presence of other bacteria. It will live and multiply in earth obtained from cultivated areas, gardens, and the surroundings of houses, and in the ground around water and sewage matter is present. In such cases it has been found alive after the lapse of more than a year, and even after the earth has been dried to powder at a low temperature. On the other hand, "virgin" soils—that is, earth which has never been cultivated, or manured, and is mostly of a sandy or peaty nature—it will not grow, and dies out in a short time. Nor will it thrive if it disappears, perishing apparently in a struggle for existence with the soil microbes. The latter, however, do not grow in all their forms, say, for some reason associated with the typhoid bacillus, while others are too strong for it. Nine varieties were matched against it under different conditions; some would beat it every time at high or low temperatures, either in solid or liquid media. In other cases a change of temperature made a difference and enabled the typhoid champion to win. There is some reason to believe that its most formidable antagonists are the putrefactive bacteria, which increased *in pari materia* with its disappearance. It is a fascinating study, and a promising though very difficult field of research. As present little more than a beginning has been made, but the foreign researches suggest the possibility of important discoveries. The results are in a measure surprising, as they appear to contradict the current view, derived from observations on *in pari materia*, that the endemic persistence of typhoid fever is favoured by soil saturated with sewage and putrefactive matter. Investigations into the particular case of Chichester have led to negative results. No essential difference has been made as soon as possible between the soils of the fever and the non-fever areas.

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## THE PLAGUE.

**Death of a European Soldier.**  
During the past twenty-four hours, there were 25 fresh cases of plague (24 Chinese, 1 other Asiatic) and 36 deaths (27 Chinese, 2 other Asiatics, 1 European). The total is now 1352 cases, 1283 deaths.

Government House is undergoing a course of disinfection by the Sanitary Authorities, a dead rat having been found in a room on the basement floor.

Yesterday, Mr E. J. Grist called the attention of Mr Justice Wijo to the fact that the matting covering the floors of the Supreme Court would harbour plague germs, and suggested that it be removed. His Honour agreed with Mr Grist, but remarked that only the other day the Court was thoroughly swept and washed out for the first time in its history. He would suggest that the carpets be taken up.

The case of Sapper Lambert, who was removed to the plague hospital yesterday from a tent at Wellington Barracks, has resulted fatally. He died yesterday evening. This is the first case of a European soldier being attacked during the present epidemic, and it is all the more sad considering that the poor fellow, who was only 24 years of age, arrived in the Colony a few weeks ago with a relief detachment of the Royal Engineers.

The Portuguese named Cruz, whose case we referred to yesterday, died in Hospital. The Japanese boy from Paddington Street, who was admitted to Hospital two days ago, died this morning.

All the European patients under treatment are progressing favourably.

## Government Reply to Chamber of Commerce.

The following letter has been received by the Chamber of Commerce in reply to the letter published last night dealing with the insanitary condition of the Colony.

## Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong, 14th June, 1901.  
Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, and to inform you that His Excellency the Governor joins with the Chamber of Commerce in the regret that here, as in India, the anxious efforts of the Government have failed to control Bubonic Plague, or to materially check its ravages.

As to the various matters on which the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce have been good enough to give their views, they have been long subjects of most anxious consideration by those whose professional knowledge and experience best fitted them to advise upon them, and some have been dealt with by the Legislative Council. His Excellency would suggest that as the Chamber of Commerce is directly represented in the Council, and will represent the representative to the various offices of the Government, to bring the views before the latter, while the grounds for assumptions which appear to have been somewhat hastily adopted may be clearly stated and fully answered. His Excellency instructs no one to add that nothing could more contribute to the commercial losses pointed out in the fourth paragraph of the letter than reckless statements, some untrue, and others greatly exaggerated, that have appeared from time to time in the public Press; and the apparent acceptance of these statements by the members of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, without investigation or adequate knowledge, is not calculated to affect the prosperity of this Colony, dependents as it is upon the business incident to a great shipping port, etc.

The Committee of the Chamber of Commerce are prepared to accept cheerfully the increased taxation that will probably be necessary to meet the heavy expenses of contemplated measures for the general improvement of sanitation. I have, &c.,  
T. SERCOPHE SMITH,  
Ag. Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Chamber of Commerce.  
[We like this!—The Governor's reply is an insult to the intelligence of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. There is not a member on the Committee who has not a longer experience of the Colony and its trade than His Excellency, and to accuse them of basing their letter on the insanitary condition of the Colony on newspaper exaggerations is, as we have said to insult their intelligence. It is the usual Government tactic to drag the official red-herring across the track. No attempt is made to reply to the accusation of studied neglect of Mr Osbert Chadwick's recommendation. While on the subject, it is pertinent to ask why the drains are now being flushed with water pumped from the Harbour? This, be it remembered, has been urged repeatedly in the newspapers and by the Sanitary Board, and was not done. If sea-water flushing does improve the condition of the drains, it follows that the Government has been negligent of one of its primary duties—the protection of the public health by cleaning the sewers. If the sea-water flushing does not improve the condition of the drains, why is it being done? It must be for one or other reason, and, unless the Government are doing it merely to delude the public into a sense of safety, it is either a deliberate waste of public funds (for which the public, via His Excellency's letter, will have to pay) or it is a tardy attempt to overtake work neglected for years, and is, tacitly, an admission of past neglect.—Ed.]

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## General Gascoole's Despatches.

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In an ever-safer expedition like this much of the success of the operations must always be due to the exertions of the Royal Navy and Royal Indian Marine, and in addition to the officer named in paragraph 11, I desire to place record the assistance I have received in sea and river transport business from—

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Captain E. R. Brock, Royal Navy.  
Commander F. H. Elderton, Royal Indian Marine.  
Lieutenant S. D. Vale, Royal Indian Marine.

Lieutenant A. Rowand, Royal Indian Marine.

Lieutenant A. E. Harold, Royal Indian Marine.

Lieutenant E. J. Headlam, Royal Indian Marine.

In this connection I would also wish to notice Sir Thomas Jackson, Master of the steamship *Edward*, who was largely responsible for unloading transports at Taku.

Major General E. G. Barrow, C.B., as Chief of the Staff, has throughout given me most valuable support and assistance. His high reputation as Staff Officer is already well established, but I venture to bring his services to particular notice to your Lordships.

Major General A. R. E. Dorward, C.B., D.S.O., was for some time in command at Tien-tsin, where he displayed much tact and judgment in dealing with difficult situations and gave me invaluable help in pushing on supplies, while at the same time clearing the country of gatherings of the enemy who were then threatening to interrupt our communications. His services throughout have been of a high order.

Major General E. G. Creagh, V.C., commanding 2nd Brigade at Shanghai, although not actively employed in the field, has fully maintained his reputation as a thoroughly good officer, while the fact of his presence in Shanghai, in necessarily detached command, has been a great relief to me.

The Royal Welsh Fusiliers.—As the only British Infantry Corps with the force this regiment was invaluable to me. I understand that it did good service at Tien-tsin before my arrival, and I am certainly much indebted to them for their services on the march to Pekin. I would also mention—

Captain S. W. C. W. Bland; and Second Lieutenant T. M. Wakefield.

Major F. E. Johnson, Commanding 12th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, did good service with his battery at Yangtze and Taku.

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1st Bengal Lancers.—The services of Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. Gartside-Tipping deserve special mention; his regiment bore the brunt of the advance. Cavalry words on the march to Pekin, and did good service at Yangtze and in an affair with Tatar cavalry near Hushiwu, as well as at the final capture of Pekin. I trust Lieutenant-Colonel Gartside-Tipping's services may be considered worthy of recognition.

Major (now Lieutenant-Colonel) C. H. H. Glavin.

Captain A. P. Brown.

Lieutenant J. R. Caween.

Rifles Major Abdul Ghafur Khan.

Hongkong Regiment—Major (local Lieutenant-Colonel) J. M. A. Rotlik.

Indian Staff Corps, did useful work on the Pao-fang Fu expedition, and Captain E. C. Rovett, Indian Staff Corps, was in command of a detachment of the regiment on the march to Pekin, when the detachment did well.

Sabadar Major Sardar Khan also deserves recognition.

1st Chinese Regiment.—A detachment of the regiment was present on the march to Pekin, and afterwards did well on the Lines of Communication. The services of Captain A. S. Barnes call for recognition.

Australian Naval Brigade.—The New South Wales and Victorian Naval Contingents gave great support to this force, and the detachment of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, their conduct and bearing have been admirable, and I bring to your Lordships' notice—

Captain A. Gillespie, Royal Navy.

Commander E. R. Connor, New South Wales Contingent.

Commander F. Tickell, Victorian Contingent.

Major (local Lieutenant-Colonel) H. Bowen, Commanding 1st Chinese Regiment, and Captain (local Major) G. H. Mockler, Indian Staff Corps, have done excellent service in the Civil Administration of Tien-tsin, the one as a member of the Provisional Government, the other as Chief of Police.

Captain M. R. E. Bay, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Line of Communications.

Captain H. Poole, Shanghai Volunteers (Capt. H. Poole, Hongkong Volunteers), who did good service as Staff Officer to General Dorward during the Tien-tsin operations.

Captain G. A. McLean, Royal Engineers.

Major (now Lieutenant-Colonel) D. K. Key, Royal Engineers.

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